

## **SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 15, 2010                      7:00 PM**

**Mr. Kane - The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission was called to order on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:01 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.**

**Roll Call - Mrs. Paul - In attendance was: Mr. DeCelles, Mr. Nordstrom, Mr. Kane, Mr. McGee, and Mr. Connolly. Mr. Carpenter, Acting Superintendent and Mr. Wilcox were also present.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Kane requests approval from the sewer commission for the August 18, 2010 minutes.**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to approve and accept the August 18, 2010 sewer commission minutes.**

### **INTERCEPTOR CLEANING PROGRAM-Bid Packets-Mr. Kane**

**Mr. Kane apologized and he wasn't able to get those for this evening's meeting due to technical issues and requested this item be tabled.**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. DeCelles and voted**

**unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to table this item.**

#### **REPORT FROM ACTING SUPERINTENDANT-Mr. Carpenter**

**Mr. Carpenter reported that the SCADA system is still not working properly. He has met with the technician Michael Leary and trying to straighten the issues out. They had nine (9) pumps installed in the month of August and one sewer repair job they received a call on located at 41 Main Street which was taken care of by the resident and that wasn't a town issue. The grinder pumps were ordered on August 20 and he provided a list of those pumps needed.**

**Mr. Carpenter supplied a list of outstanding and preventative maintenance issues to the commission that he feels needs to be addressed.**

**Mr. Kane asked Mr. Carpenter to continue to keep the commission apprised and if any actions are taken from the list to keep the commission in the loop.**

#### **GEREMIA & ASSOCIATES-PAYMENT REQUESTS**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. Connolly and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to recommend payment that the Town Council approve payment for Invoice #20 to James J. Geremia and Associates for \$886.23 for engineering services for Phase 1B.**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. DeCelles and voted**

**unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to recommend that the Town Council approve payment for payment request #17 to Boyle and Fogarty Construction for \$54,990.60 for grinder pumps and parts.**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. DeCelles and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to recommend that the Town Council approve payment requisition #18 to Boyle and Fogarty Construction Company for \$4,402.13 for miscellaneous utility relocation work.**

**MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. Connolly to recommend that the Town Council approve payment for release of retain age only, not releasing liens or obligations at this time to Boyle and Fogarty Construction Company for \$31,565.16.**

**MOTION AMENDED by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded amend by Mr. Connolly and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to recommend that the Town Council approve payment for release of retain age only, not releasing liens or obligations at this time to Boyle and Fogarty Construction Company for \$31,564.16.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. DeCelles and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to receive and place the following items on file: A.) Sewer Commission Index and B.) The Valley Breeze Article Sewer Grinder Pump Inspection dated 9/9/2010.**

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Kane noted that there will be additional special sewer commission meetings to address the extension requests for residents in relation to the 2009 project. The October 6th meeting has been cancelled and the commission will meet next on September 29 to take action on four (4) extension requests and then on October 13, 2010 and both meetings will be scheduled at Kendall Dean at 7 PM.**

**He is also hoping to have the bid packets finished by next months meeting due to computer issues he wasn't able to get them completed in time for the meeting. Also, provided is a 2010 Log-In sheet from Mr. Wilcox highlighting the installations, permits to be connected information, in permit application etc. listed on the report.**

**Mr. Wilcox stated that for the entire system, there are 32 open permits that are being worked on and there are 111 connections complete and there are 65 that have not been addressed to the permit stage as of yet. Out of 52 from a week ago that needed to be inspected, there are 21 that were done from F.R. Mahoney. He stated that inspections are being done every other week and completed approximately 20 to 21 inspections per week.**

**Mr. Kane asked when the next batch of inspections would be.**

**Mr. Wilcox replied that it would be on September 22, 2010. He explained that there is a total of 64 on the spreadsheet, out of that 64, there are churches, vacant lots, gravity systems that are pointed out on Greene Street and there are the extensions and take all of those and minus those out of the 64, there are about 50 permits out of the 64 that need to come in to be connected. Those are the ones that have not come in as of yet.**

**Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Wilcox, himself, the Superintendent of Schools, Fran Johannis a school committee member met to discuss the Kendall Dean building and the process was explained and they asked if Mr. Danny Keene as a certified DEM inspectors. Keene Service has completed an inspection and he had been told that the septic system has passed. Either on September 29 or October 13, 2010 which will be the last meeting before the deadline, the School Department will come before the Sewer Commission to request an extension for the Kendall Dean building. He informed the commission that he will be working with the Superintendent over the next several months with Mr. Geremia to assemble any technical specifications if they need to put in their bid packet and the school committee will go out to bid and bring that before the town as a capital request for next year's fiscal budget. He also informed the commission members that there will be four (4) requests that are going to the special meeting on September 29, and their attendance has been requested but isn't required.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Kane stated that for next month's regular sewer commission meeting, he is trying to arrange for one more presentation from Inland Waters from Johnston RI, Mr. Bob Brothers as did Veolia and provide a brief presentation of what they can offer.**

**He also informed the commission members that there will be an amended sewer budget going before the town council at some point. It needs to be amended to address the stability of the water department. He is hoping to provide the bid packets on September 29th and he is unsure if they should go out to bid this winter and be ready for next spring. He stated that if the amended budget passes upon his recommendation, they will have \$80k to do the project including pre-work that needs to be done and it has to be completed by fiscal year June 30, 2011 if it is budgeted.**

**Mr. Kane reiterated the fact that the Sewer Commission board is a part-time volunteer board and he commented that he gets irritated that when people submit requests one day prior to before they need the information and expect the commission to know it on the top of their heads. He tries to be very reachable.**

**Mr. DeCelles stated that there should be a Freedom of Information Act request filed with the Town of North Smithfield and the town should be the ones to research and he feels that it should not be the sewer commission board and that it should not be by e-mail. If someone**

requests information and explained that there is a process that needs to be followed which is established by the Attorney General's office and they should follow it and if it isn't followed, then they don't receive the information.

Mr. Kane commented that he tries to be reachable and available and try to answer as many questions that he can and has the knowledge to answer and he has always kept the commission members in the loop of things.

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#### **OPEN FORUM PURSUANT TO RIGL SECTION 42-46-6 (d)**

Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Nadeau, the town solicitor had attended at a forum of the Attorney General's office at which time he discovered that from the town council down that this item can be placed on the agenda and allows the commission to entertain public questions and answers and allows the commission to respond.

Mr. Bob Thurber of 20 Brian Avenue asked about Dowling Village and the licensed drain layers that are with the town and didn't know if there was any follow up on that or what was discovered.

Mr. Kane replied that Mr. Carpenter can provide him with a detailed explanation and that they have pulled a permit and it has been issued by the department. The master plumber that they hired pulled the

**permit which is within the town's regulations.**

**Mr. Ron Martin of 37 Pacheco Drive thanked the commission for trying to help him even though they were not successful in his request.**

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION by Mr. DeCelles, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Patricia A. Paul**

**Commission Secretary**